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## Vote YES To Insure 1800 County Babies Need Quality Education Help To Conquer Defects

This newspaper hopes the citizens of the Tustin Union High School District will go to the polls Tues. Jan. 24, and vote "YES" on the high school override.

Passage of this 65¢ tax override means the district can continue to develop a first class, modern high school system.

Failure of the override means a 25% cut in operational budget for the fiscal year 1967-68 over this year's budget. The result of such a cut is obvious for a school district that has been growing so rapidly during the past six years and has been unable to build up any reserve funds.

Three years ago citizens approved a 70¢ tax override. This school election is a request for the district to continue the tax override for a period of two years for the amount of 65¢.

The TUHS district governing board adopted this smaller amount, for a shorter period, upon the recommendation of a Citizen's Educational Advisory Group after the failure of last fall's override election. The Advisory Group made its recommendation after more than 40 hours of study of the school's budget and needs. All citizens of the school district were invited to attend these citizen's meetings.

The Citizen's Educational Advisory Group has truly been an independent body of citizens and parents that have conducted its research and made its findings independent of the board trustees or the school administration. The school administration was called in to answer questions and present facts. The recommendations are those of the citizen group.

Regardless of the outcome of the high school tax override this citizen group plans to continue operation and to participate in making more studies and recommendations. After the election, the group plans to look into the areas of school counseling, vocational needs of the district and on helping in other trouble areas.

After the recommendations were made to the Governing Board and accepted by the board — a sub group was formed to promote the tax override. This sub-group has held "open meetings" every Wednesday evening for the past two months to help in the passage of this tax override.

This citizen committee — and the high school board of trustees — hope you see fit to vote "YES" in Tuesday's election.

## May Return To 'Empty' Home

By Carl E. Venstrom

Letters from Germany arrive often to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Barr of Box 42, Irvine, telling of a son who is looking forward to returning home to family and his dog pal "Poco."

The only problem is that the light brown, small dog has been missing since last Dec. 18.

Mrs. Barr said today that she has not yet had the heart to tell her son Richard, who is serving with the Army in Germany, that the dog is missing. "I just have great hopes of the dog coming back," she said.

Mrs. Barr said the eight-year-old dog is under medical care and she would be willing to trade their one year old black dog for "Paco" if he was returned.

"Richard has been overseas for four years and it will be hard on him to return home and not find Poco here," she said.

"I do hope someone reads this story and will return the dog. No questions will be asked."

Is there anyone who can help Mrs. Barr? If so, please call 544-7738.



ANYONE SEEN THE ABOVE DOG NAMED "POCO?" — If so, please call Mrs. Vern Barr, of Irvine, at 544-7738. The above picture of the dog with its master, Richard Barr, was taken during a happy, summer day in 1962. At the present time young Barr is in the Army in Germany and is looking forward to coming home to family and dog. Mrs. Barr is hoping the lost dog will be returned before the youth arrives home.

Last year 1,800 babies were born in Orange County with obvious birth defects.

And for the thirteenth year in a row, the Orange County Sheriff's Department intends to do something about it.

Sheriff James A. Musick announced this week that the annual March of Dimes "Cops and Cowboys" western style breakfast and horse show will be held Sunday, Jan. 22 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa.

"Once again, as in the past, our reserve units, together with the Associated Riding Clubs of Orange County, are sponsoring this family style, community event to benefit the March of Dimes fight against birth defects," Musick said.

An old fashioned ranch style breakfast will be served from

## Tax Override Open Meetings

A series of "Open Meetings" are being held this week to discuss the Jan. 24 tax override for the Tustin Union High School District, it was announced this week by C.A. Papp, chairman of the Tax Override Subgroup.

Tonight the session will be held at the new Mission Viejo High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m..

Tomorrow, Jan. 19, an "Open Meeting" will be held at Tustin High School at 7:30 p.m. Last evening a similar meeting was held at Foothill High School.

The public is invited to all of these meetings to hear presentations and to discuss the high school tax override which is scheduled for Jan. 24.

7 a.m. until noon, followed by the horse show featuring participants from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

Chosen "Queen" for the event is five-year-old Karen Edens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Edens, Santa Ana. She is also March of Dimes poster girl,

and will be representing the National Foundation of the March of Dimes at the affair.

The annual event has received the prized "Certificate of Appreciation" each year from the national foundation. All proceeds go directly to the charity.



QUEEN AND COURT — Five-year-old Karen Edens, Queen of the Sheriff's department annual "Cops and Cowboys" spectacular meets her court. On left is Captain Richard Newman, Sheriff James A. Musick, and Captain Early Apel.

## 'UFO'-UCI Collide

A mysterious object had landed at the University at Irvine — and inhabitants were holding "a strange religious ceremony."

Campus police were notified of the helicopter that had set down in the hills surrounding the campus. They investigated immediately.

A quick check revealed the

"ceremony" was a group of drama students from the university and the helicopter was an ABC vehicle. They were filming a scene for ABC's documentary, "Cosmopolis."

And the officers, so impressed with the nation, left with the chopper for

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## REFLECTIONS

By Roshan Sharma

## ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR

Wars represent a lack of political consciousness on some nations' parts.

Many nations have come a long way toward maturity — unfortunately, some Asian nations can not yet be considered "club members."

One such nation, namely North Viet Nam, started a plan of aggression in 1954 — and strangely enough, over the conference table. The nature of the plan is unheard of in history.

It's final aim was to gobble up rich delta inhabited by millions of innocent people.

The plan won't be completely known until our intelligence has gathered it all. But it is clear now that this aggression was planned on a grand scale.

Thousands of tunnels, hospitals, brainwashing centers, training camps, etc. etc., were constructed.

The American, nor any other modern army, had any idea of



Roshan Sharma

this strategy — nay a counter-strategy.

The Asian strategists knew Americans could never succeed in this combat.

America is a spirit born with a non-defeatist mind, but ever ready for any challenging situation.

So the decision was made to fight it out on the foe's terms.

Restuls are now history. The helicopter was a surprising answer from American ingenuity.

I get pained when I hear that some say that South Viet Nam is a civil war. I also get shocked that South Viet Nam is a small scale aggression.

I think the domino theory is immaterial. What amazes me is that the Americans have met the "new aggression" successfully and now has frustrated the enemy completely.

May America never lose that old spirit of liberty for all.

## Rancho Days



perintendent said.

He added that the Accreditation Visitation Committee, in its summary statement, recommended that "The school district continue to develop programs which meet the needs and abilities of the total student community."

## Will You Keep Our Education Moving Ahead?

## Education — What Kind??

On January 24, 1967 the voters of the Tustin Union High School will go to the polls to vote on a tax override of 65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for a period of two years.

**THIS IS NOT AN INCREASE IN YOUR PRESENT TAX SCHEDULE. IT IS ACTUALLY A DECREASE OF 5 CENTS.**

You will be asked to approve a maximum tax rate of \$1.40 per assessed valuation which includes 65¢. You are now paying \$1.45 per \$100 assessed valuation which included a 70¢ override voted three years ago by the citizens of this community.

The funds from this tax override represent a considerable portion of the operating budget. **THIS ELECTION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING PROGRAM.**

## Override Important to Total Operations

Since the override provides such a considerable portion of the total operating funds of our High School District, a NO vote will necessarily result in significant cuts in the present educational program.

Average class size would have to be increased from the present 28 to as high as 36 or 37 students, advanced academic classes (mathematics, science, language, etc.) would be seriously curtailed, and in addition major reductions or elimination of such items as bus transportation, competitive athletics, pre-vocational programs, and counseling would be required.

The above is a statement of fact and in no way is meant to be a threat. It is necessary for the parents and citizens of this community to realize the seriousness of the decision.

## Make Thoughts Known Through Proper Channels

We suggest that if you have concern about the operating procedures of the TUHS District that you make your thoughts known through the proper channels and also let your feelings be known at the time of school board elections.

Don't take it out on the children.

We therefore strongly recommend a YES vote at the tax rate decrease election on January 24, 1967.

Tax Override Sub-Group, F.M. Brose, Paul F. Calhoun, R.C. Edgar, Dr. Sylvan Katz, H.M. Marshall, H.O. Neilson, Mrs. Earl Scherff, Mrs. Dominic J. Sicoli, John G. Zisch, C.A. Papp, Chairman.

Citizens Educational Advisory Group,  
Tustin Union High School District.



**SUCCESSFUL END** — Following a successful Combined Federal Campaign fund drive, Mr. C. Gant, right, president of the Orange County Federation of Community Chests, and Major General Frank C. Tharin, commanding general at El Toro, remember the drive, via a poster symbolic of the drive.

## Adult Ed Program

## Growth Paces Tustin

By Terry Allan

It's a changing program — paralleled to changing needs in the area — that the Tustin Union High School District runs for adults, according to Superintendent Robert Dahlberg.

"As the needs of the people of the community change, every effort has been made to provide the appropriate classes," Dahlberg said this week.

The superintendent said the adult education program "makes it possible for the residents of the district and the surrounding area to improve their work skills, to complete the requirements for their high school diplomas, and to help increase their effectiveness as respon-

sible parents and citizens of the community.

Dahlberg noted that 14½ per cent of the 1,540 students enrolled in the program are working toward high school diplomas.

"The Adult Education program is designed to provide people residing in the district with educational opportunities for improvement of both the individual and society," Dahlberg explained.

"The program has a great challenge and responsibility to serve the individual, the family, and the community. It attempts to provide one of the vital keys to our economic and cultural development," the su-



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a result of discussions with friends and neighbors, I will recommend, after the Tustin Union High School District tax override and the South Coast Junior College District elections, that both boards of trustees give serious consideration to expanding each board to seven members.

I feel, based on past experience, that such a move will do much to insure broader and more diverse representation and to minimize the real or alleged possibility of the establishment of power cliques.

C.A. Papp,  
13302 Malena Dr.,  
Tustin

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Dear Sir:

Noting the Jan. 1 issue of your newspaper which carried a copy of a letter from the Citizens Advisory Group to the Tustin Union High School District, I should like to comment on same.

Because my name is carried on the list of Advisory Group members and though I am sure the inclusion of my name was not done to confuse the voter, I should like to leave no doubt as to my stand on the upcoming 65¢ tax override election on Jan. 24.

My statement accompanying the sample ballot recently mailed to the voters explains my stand, but more than that, the 65¢ tax override figure was arrived at in a manner I could

not support and inasmuch as it has an effect on my taxable future it receives my NO! vote.

Howard L. Selleck,  
12542 Catalina Dr.  
Santa Ana

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Dear Editor:

Thanks so much for the community identity that goes along with the Rancho Reporter. News of this area generally receives little space in our larger newspapers and the Reporter seems to fill the bill.

I, as are many other residents of Mission Viejo, am new to the area and am interested in who's who and what's going on here. As the area grows and things begin to happen, may I suggest a feature of your paper be a "Weekly Events" that could include such items as this week at the high school, this week at the elementary schools, openings of various sorts, and events in nearby areas such as Laguna Beach, Tustin and San Clemente. I think many people would like this service by your fine paper.

Sincerely,  
Otto S. Guli,  
Mission Viejo

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Carmel Mission, 1890

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## 'Teenagers Make Best Ambassadors'

What is accomplished when a group of young Americans have the opportunity of studying, observing, and experiencing new ideas in a foreign country?

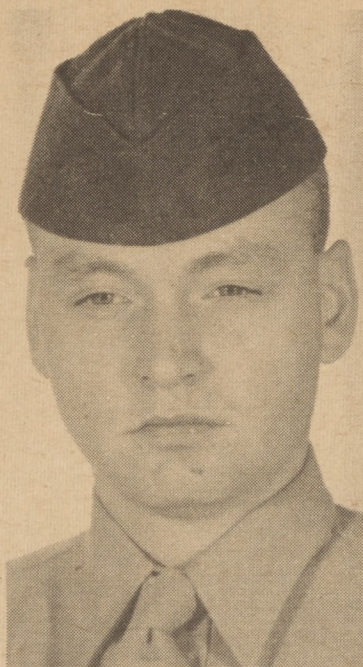
Mrs. Virginia Kirkham, librarian at Tustin High School seems to think teenagers are the best ambassadors in the country.

For the past three years she has accompanied a group of high school students to Mexico — and now is planning on taking a group of teenagers to Europe.

Emphasis will be placed on personal contact with the people of the European countries.

Any student with a good citizenship record from any high school is eligible to take the trip which still has a few openings.

Find out if you've got an ambassador in the family. Call Mrs. Kirkham at Tustin High School.



## Need Extra Kid? AFS Needs You

Need an extra high school child?

The Tustin Chapter of the American Field Service is looking for homes for next year's foreign students.

Participants in the program are high school students from foreign lands who will attend a school in the Tustin district next year.

If your own high school child would like a foster brother or sister from a foreign country, pick up an application in the Tustin High School library, or call:

Mrs. B. Brown, 538-9780; Mrs. George Trotter, 544-4080; or Mrs. J. Rasbury, 544-5414.

## SJ Trustees Hear Report

Members of the San Joaquin School District Board of Trustees heard a favorable report on the feasibility of the proposed South Coast Junior College District recently, from Larry Taylor, a member of the committee sponsoring the district proposal.

## Gifts Grace Cancer Group

"Unexpected gifts usually work out to be the best — especially true of the American Cancer Society, Tustin.

Unexpected bequests, according to Walter Baranger, legacy chairman of the county's branch of the society, made possible extra projects which otherwise could not have been undertaken this year due to a lack of funds.

"Sooner or later, the fight against cancer will be won. When that day comes, it will be a tribute to benefactors such as these. The good they have done will live long after them," he said.



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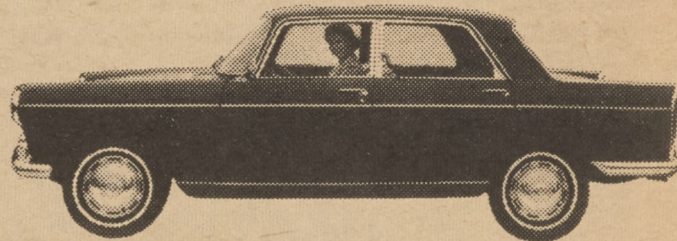
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## Pair of Veterans Unite for Charity

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Mrs. Al Delucio, Garden Grove, will coordinate all county activities, setting up a staff of neighborhood volunteers to call on their neighbors Feb. 24-26 for contributions to the fund.

February is traditionally Heart Fund Month, and the association will hold a "kick-off" luncheon at the Disneyland Hotel, Jan. 31.

## Closed Circuit TV Aires Tax Override

Closed circuit TV broadcasts at Leisure World on the Jan. 24 tax override for the Tustin Union High School will take place this morning, Friday, and next Tuesday, it was announced this week by C.A. Papp, chairman of the Tax Override Subgroup.

Taking part in the broadcasts will be Papp, Robert Dahlberg, Superintendent of the Tustin Union High School District, and committee member Mrs. Earl Scherff.

## Registration Still Open At El Toro

Registration for Chapman College's fully accredited courses at El Toro Marine Base is still possible the rest of January.

Registration is taking place at El Toro Marine Base in the Education Office, Base Library.

Classes will begin Feb. 2, and will be in the areas of education, English, French, history, government, psychology, sociology, Spanish, and speech.

Dr. J.C. Fikes, coordinator of El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Residence Center urged anyone wishing further information about the educational program offered, to call 832-2568.

### REASON AND HEART

The heart has reasons which reason itself does not understand. — Jacques Bossuet.



MAKING PLANS FOR AN ACTIVE second semester at the new Mission Viejo High School are, left to right, Robert Wallace, head counselor, Otto Guli, vice-principal and Robert Sturges, director of activities. The new semester begins Jan. 30.

## El Toro Gains New Commander

Brigadier General W.G. Thrash was named this week to succeed Major General Frank C. Tharin as Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Western Area and Commanding General of the El Toro Marine Base in February.

### Scholarly Pair

#### Join UCI Staff

A scholar in 17th century French literature and his wife, a French poetess, will join the University of California at Irvine staff, effective July 1.

Dr. Judd Hubert and his wife, Dr. Renee Hubert, will "aid in the development of a strong doctoral program in French literature," according to department chairman Prof. Seymour Menton.

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According to church officials, it "will stand as a witness to the presence of the people of God in the new community of Irvine."

Services offered by the church include Worship and Church School, at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, as well as classes from nursery through the 8th grade and the Weekly Koinonia Groups and youth groups.



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